

Board of Public Works and Safety
Wednesday, July 15, 2015
8:00 am
Minutes

Mayor McKean-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in council chambers along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger and according to the posted notice.

Mayor McKean called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

Approval of Minutes On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the meeting minutes of June 17, 2015 were unanimously approved as written.

5 K Race Route Request for 2016- Michelle McIntosh and Tammy Seffernick from Swiss Village presented their request for the 4th annual 5 K run sponsored by Swiss Village. Per Michelle, they have met and received permission by the County Commissioners to use County Road 150 for the route. On a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the board unanimously approved the route as they have in previous years.

Mayor McKean thanked Michelle, Tammy and Swiss Village for hosting this event.

Underground Fiber Optic Request – Kevin Maxwell, Project Manager with OCM Group, presented the board with plans to extend existing fiber optic service to the operations center of the First Bank of Berne on Heritage Trail. He further explained that they will have to do some work along the Columbia Street/Buckeye Street area and will go under existing coax cable.

Shannon Smitley, City of Berne Building and Planning reported that I & M purchased extra easement when the bank facility was built. Shannon added that if the existing utilities sign off on the plans, he would be okay with them proceeding.

Mayor McKean agreed saying he would be okay with the project as long as all of the necessary approvals were given and would like the company to work closely with Shannon. . It was noted that no work will take place until after Swiss Days.

Curt made a motion to approve the project as presented with Mayor McKean making the second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Additional Sidewalk Funding: City Street Superintendent Gary Nussbaum said he was contacted by the Peace Lutheran Church about the condition of their sidewalk on the east side of the building. This runs alongside Jefferson Street and is in very poor shape. The Church would like to completely remove the sidewalk or participate in the sidewalk program. Because trucks from EP Graphics drive over what is left of the old sidewalk and in to the church yard, EP Graphics will also help by installing a barrier if there is a new sidewalk. Gary said in talking with Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller, the sidewalk fund is fully committed this year but money could come from the CEDIT fund. The church would participate in the 50/50 Sidewalk program match. The cost to the church will be \$ 2,566.00 and the cost to the city will be \$ 3,791.05 which included alleyway, ADA materials not included in the 50/50 match.

On a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the board unanimously approved the sidewalk project for Peace Lutheran as presented.

Traffic Control Request and Lehman Park: Ron reported that at the last Park Board meeting, board member Dustin Cressman mentioned an incident that happened to he and his wife when they were biking on the east side of the park near the old concession stand. Dustin believes that cars cut through the parking lot on the east side to avoid the stop sign. Dustin said that a car almost hit them when they were biking.

Attorney Baumgartner noted that this is not a city street, but it is city property and signage can be requested if merited. Chief Taylor noted that by Indiana law, vehicles must yield even without a stop sign. Curtis asked if we could use the parking lot ordinance for signage. Dave also mentioned the possibility of having cross walk striping installed and Ron suggested a “Beware of Pedestrian Traffic” sign.

Ron said he will ask Dustin if he has seen a pattern of poor driving there and if these are random events or specific to a time and automobile.

Mayor McKean asked Chief Taylor to have his department monitor the area a bit more closely for the time being.

Dunbar Property Update Shannon reported that they are waiting for additional approval from IDEM on the compaction rules before they can proceed. The target finish date is still before the start of the 2016.

Board Comments – Mayor McKean reported that he stopped by the Police Department and the new cars are being outfitted for service. Several might be in service for Swiss Days. Chief Taylor said that the PD is applying for a grant for body cameras.

With nothing further to come before the board and on a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the meeting was adjourned.